Highway in the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj stretch adjacent to the bridge on Kosi river in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the proposal;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to (a) be in affirmative, by when the construction of the Highway would begin?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The State Government of Bihar has been representing from time to time for the inclusion of certain State roads as National Highway which *inter-alia* includes the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj Road. Proposals for new National Highways received from Bihar Government as well as other States would be considered after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the criteria for declaring National Highways Priorities on an All India basis and funds available for the purpose during the Eighth Plan.

Encounters between terrorists and security forces in Punjab

3275. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of encounters between the terrorists and security forces during the last three years in Punjab;

(b) the total number of terrorists who were gunned down in such encounters and total number of bodies claimed by their relatives;

(c) the total number of bodies of the killed terrorists which were not claimed by their relatives during the said period; and

(d) what procedure was followed in disposing of unclaimed bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to information available, there were 1453 encounters between terrorists and security forces during the period.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Encounters between militants and Security Forces in J and K

3276. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of encounters between militants and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir which took place during the last one year;

(b) the number of militants killed during these encounters;

(c) the number of bodies of killed militants claimed by their relatives and those unclaimed; and

(d) what procedure was followed in disposing of unclaimed bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Information is awaited from the State Government.

Filling of posts in the C-DOT

3277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the posts in the C-DOT are filled at present;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of group A posts vacant at present and since when each is lying vacant; and